

# State of Wisconsin



2003 Assembly Joint Resolution 52

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** calling for concerted action to support, renew, and expand the agricultural economy in Wisconsin.

Whereas, the agriculture industry in Wisconsin generates \$40 billion in annual revenues, which is an economic engine that drives substantial portions of the nonfarm economy, as well as the agricultural sector; and

Whereas, the challenges to agriculture have never been greater, as global competition has had a major impact on agricultural commodity prices; and

Whereas, Wisconsin agricultural producers need to meet this competition by modernizing, becoming more efficient, adding value to agricultural commodities, and finding niche markets; and

Whereas, Wisconsin is at a critical juncture, with opportunities for economic growth in agriculture and reasons for optimism about the future of agriculture in this state, due to the large existing investment in infrastructure, abundant clean water, climate conducive to agriculture, and a strong work ethic in all who are involved in agriculture; and

Whereas, the legislature has long been active in providing support for agriculture in Wisconsin, as evidenced by the many state programs that provide financial and other forms of assistance to agricultural producers and agribusinesses; and

Whereas, that support for agriculture needs to be intensified by the introduction and passage of a group of bills to be known as the "Agricultural Renewal Initiative"; and

Whereas, the Agricultural Renewal Initiative is designed to create innovative methods of encouraging agricultural growth and modernization, facilitate the adoption of state-of-the-art agricultural equipment and technologies, improve and unify the delivery of financial support to

## BILL HISTORY FOR ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 52 (LRB -3392 )

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10-27.	A.	Introduced by Representatives Ott, Gronemus, Towns, Ainsworth, Gard, Kreibich, McCormick, Ward, Kestell, Freese, Weber, Nischke, Lothian, Loeffelholz, Ladwig, Musser, Olsen, Krawczyk, Hahn, Owens, M. Lehman, LeMahieu, Van Roy, Balow, Pope-Roberts, J. Wood, Hines, M. Williams, Gielow, Vruwink, Hebl, Plouff, Petrowski, Bies, Molepske and Miller; cosponsored by Senators Schultz, Welch, Brown, Decker, A. Lasee, Leibham, Roessler, S. Fitzgerald, Harsdorf, Lassa and Hansen.	
10-27.	A.	Read and referred to committee on Agriculture .....	460
10-30.	A.	Public hearing held.	
10-30.	A.	Executive action taken.	
11-04.	A.	Report adoption recommended by committee on Agriculture, Ayes 14, Noes 0 .....	476
11-04.	A.	Referred to committee on Rules .....	476
11-05.	A.	Representative Suder added as a coauthor .....	514
11-06.	A.	Placed on calendar 11-12-2003 by committee on Rules.	
11-12.	A.	<b>Adopted</b> .....	526
11-12.	A.	Ordered immediately messaged .....	526
11-13.	S.	Received from Assembly .....	483
11-13.	S.	Read and referred to committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance .....	485
12-02.	S.	Public hearing held.	
12-02.	S.	Executive action taken.	
12-10.	S.	Report concurrence recommended by committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance, Ayes 5, Noes 0 .....	509
12-10.	S.	Available for scheduling.	

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02-03.	S.	Placed on calendar 2-4-2004 by committee on Senate Organization.	
02-04.	S.	Senator Darling added as a cosponsor .....	599
02-04.	S.	Senator Kedzie added as a cosponsor .....	599
02-04.	S.	Senator Panzer added as a cosponsor .....	599
02-04.	S.	Senator Erpenbach added as a cosponsor .....	599
02-04.	S.	Senator Stepp added as a cosponsor .....	599
02-04.	S.	Senator Zien added as a cosponsor .....	599
02-04.	S.	Senator Wirsch added as a cosponsor .....	599
02-04.	S.	Senator Kanavas added as a cosponsor .....	599
02-04.	S.	<b>Concurred in</b> .....	599
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02-05.	A.	Received from Senate concurred in .....	677

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October 27, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives OTT, GRONEMUS, TOWNS, AINSWORTH, GARD, KREIBICH, MCCORMICK, WARD, KESTELL, FREESE, WEBER, NISCHKE, LOTHIAN, LOEFFELHOLZ, LADWIG, MUSSER, OLSEN, KRAWCZYK, HAHN, OWENS, M. LEHMAN, LEMAHIEU, VAN ROY, BALOW, POPE-ROBERTS, J. WOOD, HINES, M. WILLIAMS, GIELOW, VRUWINK, HEBL, PLOUFF, PETROWSKI, BIES, MOLEPSKE and MILLER, cosponsored by Senators SCHULTZ, WELCH, BROWN, DECKER, A. LASEE, LEIBHAM, ROESSLER, S. FITZGERALD, HARSDF, LASSA and HANSEN. Referred to Committee on Agriculture.

1     **Relating to:** calling for concerted action to support, renew, and expand the  
2         agricultural economy in Wisconsin.

3         Whereas, the agriculture industry in Wisconsin generates \$40 billion in annual  
4         revenues, which is an economic engine that drives substantial portions of the  
5         nonfarm economy, as well as the agricultural sector; and

6         Whereas, the challenges to agriculture have never been greater, as global  
7         competition has had a major impact on agricultural commodity prices; and

8         Whereas, Wisconsin agricultural producers need to meet this competition by  
9         modernizing, becoming more efficient, adding value to agricultural commodities,  
10        and finding niche markets; and

11        Whereas, Wisconsin is at a critical juncture, with opportunities for economic  
12        growth in agriculture and reasons for optimism about the future of agriculture in this  
13        state, due to the large existing investment in infrastructure, abundant clean water,  
14        climate conducive to agriculture, and a strong work ethic in all who are involved in  
15        agriculture; and

1       Whereas, the legislature has long been active in providing support for  
2       agriculture in Wisconsin, as evidenced by the many state programs that provide  
3       financial and other forms of assistance to agricultural producers and agribusinesses;  
4       and

5       Whereas, that support for agriculture needs to be intensified by the  
6       introduction and passage of a group of bills to be known as the “Agricultural Renewal  
7       Initiative”; and

8       Whereas, the Agricultural Renewal Initiative is designed to create innovative  
9       methods of encouraging agricultural growth and modernization, facilitate the  
10      adoption of state-of-the-art agricultural equipment and technologies, improve and  
11      unify the delivery of financial support to agricultural producers and agribusinesses  
12      through state programs, and enhance the economic climate for agriculture and all  
13      related industries; and

14      Whereas, although the legislature pledges to do everything that it can to  
15      support agriculture in Wisconsin, that effort will fully succeed only with the  
16      cooperation and support of every governmental unit, educational institution, private  
17      business, and nonprofit organization that is involved in agriculture in this state;  
18      now, therefore, be it

19      ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the  
20      Wisconsin legislature call on and challenge the governor, state agencies, local units  
21      of government, universities, colleges, schools, the Wisconsin congressional  
22      delegation, federal agencies with responsibilities to agriculture, lenders, and  
23      farm-related organizations and businesses to join the legislature in supporting the  
24      Agricultural Renewal Initiative, to develop other similar initiatives to complement  
25      the legislature’s proposals, and to lend all of the knowledge, creativity, energy, and

1 hope that they have to ensuring a bright future for agriculture in Wisconsin; and, be  
2 it further

3       ***Resolved, That*** the assembly chief clerk shall publicize this joint resolution  
4       and transmit copies as appropriate to the individuals and entities listed in the joint  
5       resolution.

**6 (END)**